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(54) Title: CANCER IMMUNOTHERAPY USING POLYCOMB PROTEINS

(57) Abstract: The invention relates to the use of polycomb group proteins as a tumour-associated antigens. Polycomb group proteins are highly involved in body architecture development, haematopoiesis and cell cycle control. Aberrant expression of polycomb proteins has been linked with haematological malignancies, mainly lymphomas. This invention relates to the use of these polycomb group proteins as antigens for cancer immunotherapy. Immunological responses can be raised against these proteins and such responses are active against polycomb protein over-expressing tumour cells.

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Although claims 18-28 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.
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